

Hello -

My name is Geoff Viscount, and am a resident of Milford. I want to voice my opposition to H.B. #7140. I am a Motorcyclist, and believe in " freedom of choice " in respect to the wearing of helmets. I am not opposed to them; I own four of them myself. But I am opposed to mandating them for all adult Motorcyclists. As a 60 year old Man, I feel I am responsible for my own safety; I do not either need nor want the government interfering in my right to choose. I'd also like to add; I do feel safer not wearing one, due to the limits of my peripheral vision and hearing. And anyone who claims that this isn't an issue, I'd like to challenge them to don a helmet, and do a test myself with them, in public for others to see. I've heard the baseless argument that not wearing helmets affects insurance costs. As a member of the Connecticut Motorcycle Rider's Association, I am privy to the TRUE statistics on this. It has no effect at all. AS a matter of fact, I have quite a few friends who live on the border of Connecticut in Massachusetts, and they have always had a helmet law. And their insurance costs are triple mine here in Connecticut! I am not sure why this is, but it IS the case. Thank you for taking the time to ready this.

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